

I CLAIM:

1. A positioning assembly for positioning a container on a platform, the container having a corner fitting, said positioning assembly comprising:

5        a first connecting rod having a platform-connecting end that is adapted to be connected to the platform, and a threaded end section that is opposite to said platform-connecting end;

10      a second connecting rod having a coupling end and a threaded end section that is opposite to said coupling end;

15      an elongated adjusting member disposed between said first and second connecting rods and having two opposite threaded ends that threadedly and respectively engage said threaded end sections of said first and second connecting rods so as to permit extension and retraction of said first and second connecting rods relative to said adjusting member;

20      a third connecting rod that has a hook-connecting end, and a pivot end opposite to said hook-connecting end and pivoted to said coupling end of said second connecting rod; and

25      a hook member pivoted to said hook-connecting end of said third connecting rod and adapted to be connected to the corner fitting of the container.

2. The positioning assembly of Claim 1, further comprising a pivot pin, said pivot end of said third

connecting rod being pivoted to said coupling end of said second connecting rod through said pivot pin, said coupling end of said second connecting rod being U-shaped so as to define a recess therein, and being 5 formed with a first protrusion that protrudes therefrom into said recess and that abuts against said third connecting rod when said third connecting rod is pivoted about said pivot pin in a clockwise direction from an extended state, in which said second 10 and third connecting rods extend along a line and in which said first protrusion is disconnected from said third connecting rod, to a folded state, in which said third connecting rod is angled away from said second connecting rod to a predetermined extent.

15 3. The positioning assembly of Claim 2, wherein said coupling end of said second connecting rod is formed with a shoulder that projects therefrom into said recess, said pivot end of said third connecting rod being received in said recess and being formed with 20 a second protrusion that protrudes outwardly therefrom and that engages said shoulder when said third connecting rod is pivoted about said pivot pin in a counterclockwise direction, thereby limiting pivoting movement of said third connecting rod in said 25 counterclockwise direction.

4. The positioning assembly of Claim 3, wherein said adjusting member includes a pair of parallel

supporting rods, each of which has two opposite ends, each of said threaded ends of said adjusting member interconnecting an adjacent pair of said ends of said supporting rods, said positioning assembly further 5 comprising a spring-confining member that is in the form of a nut member which threadedly engages said threaded end section of said first connecting rod and which is formed with two opposite grooves that slidingly and fittingly receive said supporting rods, 10 respectively, said positioning assembly further comprising a compression spring that is disposed between and that abuts against said spring-confining member and an adjacent one of said threaded ends of said adjusting member.